

PUBLIC UTILITIES INCLUDES TAXIS

Engineer Commissioner Harding Believes Companies Within Law's Scope.

RATE INQUIRY MAY COME

Investigation Would Disclose High Rates of Charges Levied in Washington.

Engineer Commissioner Chester Harding, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, yesterday announced the purpose of the public hearing in such a manner as to fairly warn the taxicab people that in the opinion of the commission the public utilities law is clear in including the taxicab and transfer firms under the jurisdiction of that body. It was for the purpose of considering the question raised by these companies as to the jurisdiction of the commission that the hearing was held.

Commissioner-elect Frederick L. Siddons sat with the commission through the hearing. In all probability, it will remain for the new board to formulate the decision of the utilities body's jurisdiction. Commissioner Harding took part in the hearing yesterday, but it is expected that he will have retired from the board before a ruling in the taxicab matter has been made.

Common Carriers Denied.

Representatives of the Federal and Terminal Taxicab companies appearing before the commission, declared that because of their refusal to carry certain classes of passengers they are not "common carriers," and, therefore, are not subject to the public utilities law. They stated that they discriminated against members of the negro race, and that they refused to carry people whose credit was not good. They contended that they are not public service corporations, but private businesses.

In view of Col. Harding's opening announcement, a decision to the contrary is expected. If such decision is reached by the commission, an immediate investigation of the rate schedule of the taxicab companies will be made, and such charges ordered as are considered to be demanded. There were indications that these investigations would bring out some interesting facts, such as the details of the various contracts between the taxicab companies and the hotels and the Washington Terminal Company, whereby the cars companies are enabled to get a monopoly of the business at these places by investing some of their surplus receipts in the rental of public streets and thoroughfares. The practice of renting public streets for use as private car stands was first pointed out by The Washington Herald, and repeated demand has been made in its columns that the authority of the companies to monopolize the streets be investigated.

Present exorbitant taxicab rates were questioned by The Herald. The companies charge 40 cents for the first mile and 10 cents for each additional quarter mile. Some testimony regarding the unjust extravagance of the present rates was unexpectedly injected into yesterday's hearing, when John F. Davis,

who operates a large touring car under a hackman's license, protested against the exclusive use of hotel cabstands by the taxicab companies.

Forty Cents Rate.

Mr. Davis stated that he carries passengers for 40 cents a mile. If he were permitted to share in the hotel trade, he said that he could afford to cut the price to 25 cents a mile. This is still more than the price which was suggested as a fair one by The Herald after careful investigation. The Herald stated that a fair charge would seem 40 cents a mile for a car.

Commissioner Harding informed Mr. Davis that his testimony had no bearing upon the question at issue—that of the commission's jurisdiction over cab companies—but, he added, it would be taken up later and considered by the commission.

An automobile driver doing business under a hackman's license has placed in the hearing before The Herald that all told, his outlay in operating and maintaining his car amounts to a little less than 30 cents a mile. His car is one of a late model, is kept in thorough repair, clean, and well cared for.

The taxicab companies estimate that their costs of operation and maintenance average a little more than 40 cents a mile. This seems to show the comparative efficiency of a big corporation compared with the individual. The private driver claims he could make a good profit charging 30 cents a mile; the big corporation maintains that it barely pays fair profits operating at a charge of 40 cents a mile.

Attorney George S. Dunlap represented the Terminal Taxicab Company, and Attorney E. B. Hayden appeared for the Federal Company. Both attorneys stated that the taxicab companies draw the color line. They claimed that their business is of a private contract nature, and that the public has no right in it, and urged that for these reasons the companies are not common carriers within the meaning of the public utilities law.

Mr. Dunlap also represented the Merchants Transfer and Storage Company, whose business, he said, also is of a private contract nature. John L. Newbold, president of this company, made similar statements. A. S. Bowie, of the legal department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company, appeared for the Blue Line Transfer Company. He expressed the opinion that this company does not come under the control of the commission.

Commissioner Harding and Corporation Counsel E. B. Thomas, legal counselor of the Public Utilities Commission, questioned the representatives of the several companies closely. Among other things, it was sought to develop the nature of the contract entered into by the taxicab companies and certain hotels, and of the contract between the Terminal Taxicab Company and the Washington Terminal Company, by which the exclusive privilege of serving hotel guests and of carrying people arriving at the Union Station is acquired. Mr. Dunlap refused to make the contents of these documents public.

Accommodates at Marshall Hall.

More than 2,000 Royal Arcanumites made the trip to Marshall Hall yesterday on the annual excursion of the Oriental and Francis Scott Key Councils. A ball game and a number of athletic events for both men and women were on the program.

German Aviator Killed.

Muehlhausen, Germany, July 14.—Herr Dietrich, a young German aviator, was killed here today while making a quick landing in his aeroplane. His death brings the aerial fatality list to 26.

OTHERS LIVE ON \$12,000 A YEAR

Bryan's Poverty Cry Causes Comment Among Members of the Cabinet.

MODEST RENT FOR HOME

Secretary of State Begins Six Weeks' Lecture Tour of Middle West Last of the Week.

WHY BRYAN LECTURES AT SO MUCH PER

His salary as Secretary of State is \$12,000.

His wealth is estimated at \$500,000.

Has been advertised by lecture bureau as highest paid speaker in country.

His weekly publication, the Commoner, is reported to be profitable.

He has capitalized his travels into syndicate writings.

While at the Chicago and Baltimore conventions a year ago he wrote newspaper stories, for which he is said to have been paid \$1,000 a day.

Has a large establishment, including a farm, at Lincoln, Neb., and another farm in Texas, devoted principally to onion growing.

Is building a winter home at Miami, Fla.

Rental of his Washington home is between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Keeps few servants; has an automobile and a riding horse.

Has eliminated big item of dinner-giving expense, that of wine, and serves only spring water and grape juice.

Not content with having knocked the breath out of official Washington by declaring from the Chautauque platform that he is obliged to lecture to live on his \$12,000 salary, Secretary of State Bryan yesterday afternoon let it be known that he will spend next Thursday at Mountain Lake Park, Md., on another Chautauque platform. This twenty-four-hour trip on Thursday is to be the curtain raiser to the six weeks' trip through the Middle West, commenced with speaking engagements, which the Secretary of State will begin next Saturday.

Secretary Bryan's statement from the Chautauque platform at Hendersonville, N. C., Sunday was the talk of Washington yesterday. On all sides there was comment on his statement that he could not live on his \$12,000-a-year salary. Men known as Mr. Bryan's political and personal friends pointed out that the

people of the rural districts and the wage-earners of the cities, who make up the greater part of Mr. Bryan's political following, will be surprised to find out that the Commoner can't get along on a modest \$1,000 a month.

There are nine other Cabinet officers in Washington receiving the same salaries as Mr. Bryan. Most of them are comparatively poor men, while Mr. Bryan has been regarded generally as one of the wealthiest members of the Wilson Cabinet. Other members of the cabinet have families to look out for, while Mr. Bryan's children, it was pointed out, are all grown up and married.

Lives in Modest Way.

Mr. Bryan's mode of living in Washington is quite modest. He has leased a large house and grounds, the property of the widow of Gen. John A. Logan, situated in what is no longer the most fashionable part of the town. The rental of this place is said to be between \$2,000 and \$2,500, or a trifle more than a quarter of Mr. Bryan's salary, which, according to students of social economy, is about the normal proportion for rent.

Few servants are kept at the Bryan home, and they occupy a live-in, though in much comfort. The Secretary of State has an automobile and a riding horse, which he brought from Lincoln. The State Department furnishes him with a car, and he is said to use it for his use at all times. Little entertainment has been done by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, and most of that has been quite informal. It was even pointed out yesterday that Mr. Bryan had eliminated one of the biggest single items of expense in dinner-giving, that of wine, inasmuch as he and Mrs. Bryan, for personal reasons, serve on their table only spring water and grape juice.

Two other Cabinet officers, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Attorney General McKendree, are men of independent means. Secretaries Lane and Wilson, however, are dependent upon their salaries. Secretary Garrison is understood to be a man of no private fortune, and Secretary Daniels has all his interests in a newspaper in Raleigh, N. C., the plant of which was completely destroyed a few weeks after he took office.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, it is known, took his position in the cabinet at a sacrifice of income, while Secretary of Agriculture Houston came to the cabinet from the chairmanship of a small university in Missouri. Postmaster General Burleson has private means. Secretary Lane yesterday said:

"I can live on \$12,000 a year by practicing those economies that I learned to practice when I lived on less. No man can be as effective a public servant on a salary that deprives him of the opportunity frequently to meet those with whom he must co-operate in the public service."

This administration will be marked by the simplicity of the entertainments given by the cabinet officers, because none of us has any means, and in one respect this is a very good thing, because it will give us greater opportunity for hard work, but, on the other hand, it deprives us of maintaining a standard of social prestige for the office which has been acquired through the years.

No position in the cabinet is a modest one, in which much in a social way is not required. A man holding the portfolio which Mr. Bryan holds is in a totally different position. He must make large expenditures in the entertainment of our foreign guests.

Bankruptcy Petition Filed.

John E. Hantman, a maker of blueprints, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, listing his debts at \$18,743.90 and his assets at \$4,627.42.

Ellen Stone Calls To See Bryan on Ransom Fund Bill

Miss Ellen Stone, the missionary successfully held for ransom by Turkish brigands several years ago, called at the State Department yesterday to urge Secretary Bryan to use his influence to have passed by Congress the bill refunding the \$67,000 raised by subscription for her ransom. She had an appointment with Mr. Bryan for Saturday, but has not yet been able to see him.

"The bill for the refund of this money has been passed four times by the Senate," said Miss Stone yesterday afternoon. "It is really an obligation which this government has assumed, and I feel that I should do my utmost toward its success. Secretary Root practically pledged the government of the United States to make good the sum subscribed for the purchase of my liberty, the United States government not having such a sum as \$67,000 available for the purpose."

"The Senate has recognized the validity of the obligation, and passed the measure four times, and it has also been reported favorably to the House by the Committee on Claims, but somehow it always seems to get lost between the committee and the floor of the House."

OCOQUAN PRODUCTS NOT TO BE OPPOSED

Labor of Prisoners Will Not Conflict with Union, Says John B. Colpoys.

In view of the fact that the products of the Ocoquan prisoners are donated to the district and confer a benefit on the taxpayers of the city, no opposition in regard to this labor is expected from the labor unions of this city. Announcement to this effect was made last night by John B. Colpoys, secretary of the Central Labor Union and editor of the Trades Unionist.

In a lecture before the Central Labor Union some time ago, W. H. Whitaker, superintendent of Ocoquan, explained to the satisfaction of the delegates that the labor of the prisoners would in no way compete with union labor. The prisoners are daily producing 200 yards of crushed stone and 30,000 bricks. Several orders for bricks to be used in the construction of a school building and crushed stone and paving bricks for street improvements in the district have been made.

Installation of the officers elected at the last meeting constituted the chief business of the Central Labor Union meeting in Typographical Temple last night. The following officers were installed: Frank A. Kidd, president; John A. Horn, vice president; John P. Colpoys, secretary; Newton A. James, financial secretary; Joseph Clark, sergeant at arms; and William Ryan, Joseph C. Wilner, and Frank Nolte, trustees.

Sparring Goods in Fire.

Fire which is believed to have been started by rats gnawing upon matches caused \$2,000 damage yesterday morning at the sporting goods establishment of the Howard A. French Company, 64 Ninth Street Northwest. The fire was discovered by a conductor on a Ninth Street. The loss is covered entirely by insurance.

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72x99 4-bed size, extra long, for the house bed. Special.....	55c
81x90 Double-bed size, regulation length. Special.....	55c
81x99 Double-bed size, extra long. Special.....	60c
81x108 Double-bed size, 3 yards long. Special.....	65c
PILLOWCASES	
42x36 Pillowcases: made straight, with selvage; 42x34 1/2 Pillowcases: heavy linen finish, made from sheeting ends; extra long; either size. Special.....	12 1/2c
42x36 Pillowcases: made straight, with selvage; extra value. Special.....	15c
50x36 Pillowcases: made straight. Special.....	18c
54x36 Pillowcases: made straight. Special.....	20c

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Arthur C. Furr, 27, of Verona, Va., and Rose E. Edwards, 22, of Harrisonburg, Va. Res. E. Edwards. James A. Lantry, 28, and Martha K. L. Mansfield, 22, Res. H. Schneider. Arthur C. Menzies, 21, and Elaine M. Armstrong, 19, Res. Arthur E. Johns. John V. Harbinger, 25, and Ellen G. Linder, 20, of Chillum, Va. Res. Charles A. Buck. Alvin C. Dill, 21, and Ruth C. Vernon, 21, both of Philadelphia, Pa. Res. A. W. Spencer. W. Raymond Corbin, 21, and Annie L. Chaney, 21, Res. A. W. Spencer. Marvin T. Bell, 27, of Plains, Va., and Lucy G. Fletcher, 24, of Culpeper, Va. Judge C. T. Bandy.

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H. Plater, 27, and Sarah Seay, 20, Res. W. Kennedy, 22, and Ellen Coates, 20, Res. E. Edwards. J. S. Valentine, 21, and Mattie Neal, 20, Res. A. W. Spencer. J. S. Valentine, 21, and Annie Jackson, 20, Res. A. W. Spencer. J. S. Valentine, 21, and Annie Jackson, 20, Res. A. W. Spencer. J. S. Valentine, 21, and Annie Jackson, 20, Res. A. W. Spencer.

BIRTHS REPORTED.

Thomas E. and Pearl M. Haskins, girl. Harry and Mary A. Haskins, girl. Philip C. and Mary A. Haskins, girl. Richard B. and Mary E. Haskins, boy. Phil F. and Gertrude E. Haskins, boy. Dennis A. and Margaret Lane, boy. Pagnell and Maria Long, boy. Benjamin F. and Edith I. Long, boy. Herbert L. and Emily B. Kelley, boy. Dennis F. and Mary E. Fitzgerald, boy. Walter H. and Lillian V. Clem, girl. Robert F. and Rosie L. Campbell, girl. Harrison and Sophia Brown, boy. Joseph C. and Catherine A. Brasher, boy. Oliver H. and Dorothy I. Beaver, girl.

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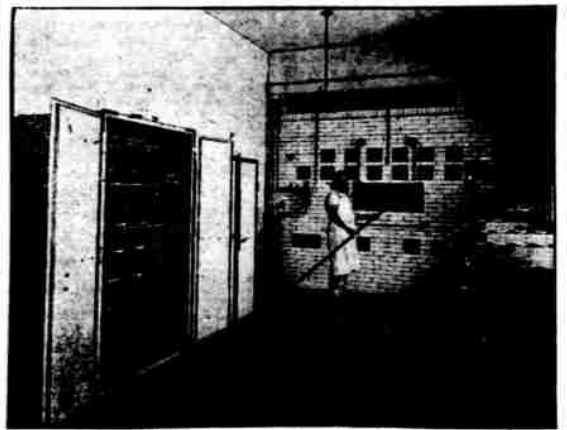
HALLAM—On Sunday, July 13, 1913, about 10 p. m., at his residence, 604 Reward Square Southeast, OHRIN B. HALLAM, aged sixty-four years. Private funeral Tuesday, July 15, 1913, at 4 p. m. from late residence.

SLATTERY.

All members of Washington Assembly of Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, are requested to attend the funeral of LEONARD J. SLATTERY, at his late residence, 1710 New Jersey Avenue Northwest, at 4 p. m. Tuesday, July 15, 1913. THOMAS J. DONOVAN, F. N. Attest: DANIEL J. LIX, Comptroller.

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Relish Sweet, No. 9, each..... 9c

Catsup, Champion, each..... 8c

PRIDE SOAP 8 for 25c

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Scouring Soap, Fairbanks', each..... 8c

Pumice Soap, 2 for..... 9c

Glycerine Tar Soap, 2 for..... 9c

Spotless Cleanser, each..... 4c

Daisy Brand Lye, small, 2 for..... 9c

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Quaker Oats, per pkg..... 8c

Baking Powder, Rumford, 5c size, 2 for 9c

Heinz Pickles, small, each..... 10c

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